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1. During January 1954, the East German Minister for Heavy Industry, Fritz Selbmann, visited Object 96. In a speech to representatives of the German employees, he said that Wismut A.G. was now the Deutsch-Sowjetische Gesellschaft Wismut, and that he himself was the East German Director General, the counterpart of the Russian Director General. However, this new title of Wismut, if it is official, has not appeared on any documents seen by German workers in the mining section of Object 96.
2. A Russian mining official in Object 96, referred to Selbmann as the German equivalent of Bogatov. According to the same engineer, Bogatov, previously deputy to Maltsev, is still the Russian Director General. 50X1-HUM
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3. There has been no positive indication that there will be German chiefs of Schaechte (pits) working side by side with the Russian chiefs of Schaechte. However, during the period January to March 1954, Russian engineers were still talking of this as the future policy.
4. The Russian Director General of Wismut, General Bogatov, recently visited the pits of Object 96 which have been engaged in the mining of radioactive coal. During his visit, Bogatov expressed dissatisfaction with the state of affairs in Schacht 209 and deplored the untidiness, the pools of water, and the mud. 50X1-HUM
5. The staff of Schacht 269 had been reduced to 700 by the end of March. The reason for this further reduction in staff appears to be the decision to discontinue using pit heaps for the burning of radioactive coal. Existing pit heaps of radioactive coal are being fed into the ore concentration plants of Object 96 as quickly as possible (about 35,000-40,000 cu. m. per month). Russian engineers in the Schacht believe that the mining of radio-

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active coal will be delayed until existing pit heaps have been liquidated. Mining will then begin again and the coal will be fed for burning direct from the pit into the concentration plants. Ore is mined at Schacht 269 to a depth of 350 meters at 8 different levels.

6. Ore is still mined at Schacht 196 (Niederpebel) and Schacht 209 (Baerenhecke), but German employees believe that Schacht 196 will soon be exhausted. The number of employees at this Schacht at the end of March 1954 was estimated to be 200. The staff at Schacht 209 on the same date was about 120. Mining is expected to continue much longer at Schacht 209 than in Niederpebel.
7. A considerable amount of new construction is in progress at the ore concentration plant at Dresden/Freital. No new construction was observed, however, at the plant at Dresden/Gittersee, during the period 1 January - 31 March 1954.

8. The following personalities¹ have been identified in Object 96:

- a. Akopov: Chief of the concentration plant at Dresden/Gittersee; [redacted] 50X1-HUM
45-48; height 1.60 m; brown hair, thinning in the front.
- b. Prokhorov: Personnel Manager at the concentration plant at Dresden/Gittersee; [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted]
- c. Shmonin: Chief of the Production Department of Object 96. [redacted]
[redacted]
- d. Budentsov: Deputy to Trofimov, who is in charge of the Norms Department in Object 96; [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted]
- e. Litvinenko: Senior engineer in Schacht 3.
- f. Ekimov: Engineer responsible for implementing suggestions for technical improvements in Object 96; [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted]
- g. Miss Lyudmila Prytkova (or Pritkova): So-called planning engineer in Schacht 269; [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted]
- h. Miss Novichkova: Accountant; [redacted]
- i. Avdeyev, Senior Technical Lieutenant: Fire Officer for Object 96; [redacted]
[redacted]
1. [redacted] Comment: The spelling of all Russian names in the report is phonetic, but from a fluent Russian speaker. 50X1-HUM
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